



Walton County Emergency Operations Center JOINT INFORMATION CENTER

COVID-19 UPDATES

COVID – 19 Vaccine Frequently Asked Questions

Please review this document before you comment or message with your questions as it may be addressed below. This FAQ will be updated when new information is available. Thank you.

How do I get a COVID-19 vaccine appointment?

Walton County currently uses the Eventbrite website to make vaccine appointments. A phone number is available as well should you or a loved one does not have access to the internet, or are not comfortable with the website. Appointment windows are announced on the DOH-Walton (www.walton.floridahealth.gov) and Walton County's (www.co.walton.fl.us) Websites and the Walton County Emergency Management Facebook page when they become available.

Can I call the State hotline to register for a COVID-19 Vaccine in Walton County?

At this time, Walton County is **NOT** active in the new system. We are working hard with our State partners to ensure our vaccine site workers are trained and familiar with this brand-new State funded and State managed appointment system. Please monitor the FDOH-Walton website <http://walton.floridahealth.gov> for updated information on the availability of vaccine and how to register for an appointment as we phase into the new system.

Who can receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

Per the Governor's executive order only frontline healthcare workers, residents of Assisted Living Facilities or Nursing Homes, and those over the age of 65, regardless of medical conditions or exact age, are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. Vaccines are distributed on a first come first serve basis. As we move into subsequent phases of distribution this list will expand.

Can non-Florida residents get a COVID-19 vaccine?

No, as of Thursday, January 21, 2021, the Florida Surgeon General issued a Public Health Advisory which prioritizes Florida residents for receiving a 1st Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine. Those who wish to receive their first vaccine dose **must** provide proof of residency meeting criteria 1, 2, or 3 below.

1. Valid Florida driver license issued by Florida State Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV).
OR
2. Valid Florida identification card issued by Florida State Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (FLHSMV).
OR
3. If an individual cannot present #1 or #2, the individual can prove satisfactory Florida residency by presenting a copy of any **TWO** of the following items if they reflect a Florida residential address (Note: A P.O. box or commercial/business address is not sufficient and the two items cannot be from the same category):
 - Category A: a deed, mortgage, monthly mortgage statement, mortgage payment booklet, OR residential rental or lease agreement
 - Category B: a utility hookup or utility work order dated within 60 days before the date of vaccination
 - Category C: a utility bill dated within two months of the date of vaccination
 - Category D: mail from a financial institution, including checking, savings, or investment account statements, dated within two months of the date of vaccination

- Category E: mail from a federal, state, county, or municipal government agency, dated within two months of the date of vaccination
- Category F: proof of a Florida residential address for the individual's parent, stepparent, legal guardian, or other person with whom the seasonal resident resides in Florida, PLUS a written statement from the person with whom the seasonal resident resides stating that the seasonal resident does reside with him or her.

I am a non-Florida Resident and received my first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine in Walton County does the new Public Health Advisory mean I cannot get my second dose?

You will still be able to receive your second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine if you received your first dose BEFORE Thursday, January 21, 2021 and you have a second dose appointment already scheduled with Walton County. Only new first dose appointments are impacted by the January 21, 2021 Public Health Advisory.

I am under the age of 65 when can I expect to receive my vaccine?

Due to the widespread demand for the COVID-19 vaccine there is very limited supply and no estimate for when this current phase of vaccine distribution will end, and the next phases will begin.

When will I schedule my additional dose?

The appointment to receive your second dose of COVID-19 vaccine will be scheduled the day you receive your first shot.

Can I choose the manufacturer of the COVID-19 vaccine I receive?

No, you are unable to choose the manufacturer for the vaccine you receive. Walton County receives little to no notice on which manufacturer's COVID-19 vaccine it will be sent.

Do I need a prescription or doctor's note to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

No, you do not need a prescription or doctor's note to receive a COVID-19 vaccine. It is recommended that you discuss with your healthcare provider any underlying medical conditions, medications, and/or potential allergies prior to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Can I get a COVID-19 vaccine if I recently got a flu or other vaccine?

You may not receive a COVID-19 vaccine if you received any vaccine, to include flu, within the last 14 days. After that 14-day window you will be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

I was COVID-19 Positive, am I eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine?

You may receive a COVID-19 vaccine 14 days after you have recovered from COVID-19.

If I am allergic to any other vaccines can I get COVID-19 vaccine?

It is recommended that you discuss with your healthcare provider any underlying medical conditions, medications, and/or potential allergies prior to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

If I am pregnant or breastfeeding can I get COVID-19 vaccine?

Neither of these demographics had any contraindications during vaccine trials. We recommend you discuss your condition(s) with your healthcare provider prior to receiving a COVID-19 vaccine.

Why is there not a running waitlist for a COVID-19 vaccine?

A running waitlist is not an efficient way to manage vaccine distribution. Factors such as: Uncertainty in our next shipment of the vaccine, the labor intensive and time consuming nature of calling thousands of people back to create an appointment, and the potential for many on that waitlist to have already received a vaccine, outside of Walton County, all create a situation for even more frustration and confusion. Our current appointment process is tied to vaccine availability and ensures you have a dose assigned to you for your appointment.

How does Walton County receive COVID-19 vaccine allotment?

Walton County does not order or have input in the number of vaccines it receives. Vaccine allocations to the State is decided by the Federal government. The State decides the allocations to the counties. We do not know when we will receive vaccine or how many doses we will receive. We cannot request vaccine. We only get a few days notice on vaccine deliveries. The State Emergency Operations Center determines the number of vaccines and shipment schedule every Florida county will receive. That is not a set number and changes based on nationwide vaccine availability.

Is there a cost associated with receiving a COVID-19 vaccine?

No, there is no cost for a COVID-19 vaccine.

What should I be prepared to do regarding COVID-19 in the short-term after receiving the vaccine?

Once you receive the vaccine, you are not totally immune to COVID after first vaccination. You should still use mitigation measures including social distancing, masking and handwashing.